important role in improving the health of the Bay, such as a 22% cut to the funding for upgrading sewage treatment plants and 86% cut in funding for oyster restoration; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the President of the United States be urged to reconsider his budget proposal regarding the Chesapeake Bay and maintain current levels of federal funding for Chesapeake Bay cleanup and restoration efforts, such as sewage treatment plant upgrades, oyster restoration, and other existing and beneficial programs that are designed to improve the health of the Bay; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S. Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, Benjamin L. Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Signed May 2, 2006.